Fisher Gets $2,000 Per Week For Tall Mutt and Little Jeff

High Record if Paid for Comics Which Are Appearing in The Journal.

"Bud" Fisher the creator of the long, lanky Mutt, and his little side pal, Jeff, receives $2,000 per week or $104,000 per year for his productions which are appearing daily in The Journal. He has signed such a contract with the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc., which sells the doings of the tall and optimistic Mutt and the short and pessimistic Jeff to the leading papers of the United States.

The contract which Fisher signed probably sets a new high record for work of this character. Fisher's contract with the Star Co. of New York, publishers of the New York American, expired Sunday. His contract with the Wheeler Syndicate which took effect on the expiration of the other, was signed Dec. 7, last.

INJUNCTION EFORT FAILED.

July 29, the Star Co. of New York made application to Justice Weeks of the Supreme Court (corresponding to the Circuit Court here) for an injunction against the Wheeler Syndicate. Justice Weeks was asked to enjoin the Wheeler Syndicate against using the name "Mutt and Jeff" in any way; selling any comic strips under the name of "Mutt and Jeff," or depicting their figures; or "conspiring or confederating with any of the plaintiff's present or former employes (Fisher) with a view to the making and execution of any sketches or representations of the characters Mutt and Jeff."

Aug. 2, Justice Weeks gave an opinion denying al the requests, except that he took under advisement the Wheeler Syndicate's right to use the three conjunctive words "Mutt and Jeff" as a title. He will announce his decision on this this point within a few days. The Star Co. of New York, claims possession of this three-word title by copyright.

Justice Weeks stated that Fisher could not be restrained from drawing the characters, one Mutt and the other Jeff, which he had created; that he could not be restrained from calling them by those names in the cartoon dialogue, and that he could not be restrained from using the name "Mutt" and the name "Jeff" in the printed captions of the cartoons.

AMERICAN LOSES PICTURES.

He also forbade the Star company to issue "Mut and Jeff" pictures in its comic supplement. It had prepared such full-page pictures for its supplement of last Sunday, an anonymous artists furnishing an imitation of Fisher's work. This was circulated in Chicago and other places where the New York American syndicates its comic supplements; but in New York, because of the Justice's order, the American went to most of its buyers last Sunday without a comic supplement.

Pending the court's decision on the Wheeler Syndicate's right to use the three-word title, "Mutt and Jeff," the pictures are appearing in The Journal and papers in other cities served by the Wheeler Syndicate under such captions as "Well, Well, Look Who's Here! Old Mutt Himself and His Side-Kick Jeff."

But even without the names thousands of readers would recognize the figures as genuine, for it doubtful whether they can be successwully counterfeited. And the signature of Fisher, just beneath the spot where Mutt usually knocks down his little "friend," with his hat crushed over his forehead, is conclusive evidence that Journal readers are getting the real thing.

British Forces Debarking on the Gallipoli

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Paris, Aug. 14.—An official communication given out by the French war office this afternoon reads:

"On the Gallipoli peninsula, British forces, since August 6, have been debarking successfully at a point near the bay of Suvla, on the west side of the peninsula. They have made progress at a point further to the south, in the vicinity of Gaba Tepe. Here, after some severe fighting, these forces were successful in gaining a footing on the slopes of the height of Sari Basin. They took more than 650 prisoners and captured nine machine guns. The operations at this point continue to progress.

"At the south end of the peninsula the efforts of the Turks to penetrate our lines all resulted in failure.

"On the 7th of August we made some slight progress. Since this date the activity on the French front has consisted mainly in artillery fighting with marked advantage for our batteries."